

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Servants – PR & RD Department – Sri D. Pitchi Reddy, MEO, KVB Puram, Chittoor District – Allegations of irregularities in taking up desilting of Subramanyam Tank of KVB Puram Panchayat of KVB Puram Mandal, Chittoor district – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1191

Dated:12.08.2009.

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri D. Pitchi Reddy, MEO, KVB Puram, Chittoor District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The Substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II and III).

3. Sri D. Pitchi Reddy, MEO, is directed to submit within (10) days of the receipt of this Memo., a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri D. Pitchi Reddy, MEO, is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri D. Pitchi Reddy, MEO, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time, specified in para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri D. Pitchi Reddy, MEO, KVB Puram, Chittoor District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.V.P.C.SASTRY,
PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(PR).

To

Sri D. Pitchi Reddy, MEO, KVB Puram, Chittoor District

through the Engineer-in-Chief (PR) Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief (Panchayat Raj), Hyderabad.

(with a request to serve and return the acknowledged copy and WSD)

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI D. PITCHI REDDY, MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, K.V.B. PURAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

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CHARGE 1:

That the said Sri D. Pitchi Reddy, Mandal Engineering Officer, K.V.B. Puram Mandal, Chittoor District, has committed irregularities in execution of work "Desilting work in Subrahmanyam Tank". While the District Collector, Chittoor accorded administrative sanction for Rs.1.00 lakh during April, 2006, the M.E.O. has accorded technical sanction for Rs.94,588/-. Only scrapping work was done for the existing pits and 2 (two) bills for Rs.42,594/- and Rs.51,300/- was recommended for payment by recording the scrapped pits and also the amounts were paid.

CHARGE 2:

That the said M.E.O. has accorded technical sanction for desilting work in the same tank for Rs.1,98,564/- without the resolution of the Gram Panchayat, Mandal Parishad and without administrative sanction of the District Collector. Only scrapping of the existing pits was done and he recorded the work and recommended for payment of Rs.90,690/- and the same was paid. The M.E.O. has also recommended for payment of Rs.90,283/- to the labour.

CHARGE 3:

As per the check measurement sheets for all the works taken-up for the Subramanyam Tank by the said M.E.O., the total quantity was 6,276.19 cumts and actual quantity of dressed of old pits are only 3289.77 cumts and there was a variation of 2986.42 cumts.

BASIS FOR CHARGES 1, 2 & 3:

As reported by the Administrative Officer, Vigilance Cell, DWMA, Chittoor vide his report dated 14.08.06 addressed to the Project Director, DWMA, Chittoor and findings of the District Collector, Chittoor dated 19.10.06; the District Collector has accorded administrative sanction for Rs.1.00 lakhs for execution of desilting work in Subrahmanyam Tank in K.V.B.Puram Panchayat in the month of April 2006. This work has been started during the month of May and so far four phases were completed which was check measured by the Delinquent Officer.

As reported by the Administrative Officer, Vigilance Cell, DWMA, Chittoor, "Desilting work in Subrahmanyam Tank" was taken up under APREGS in K.V.B. Puram Mandal. This work was completed in 4 phases and check measured the work for Rs.2,74,867/-.

The Administrative Officer, Vigilance Cell has visited the tank on 29.07.06 and noticed 8 dressed pits. The quantity of work as on 29.07.06 is 2560.00 Cu. Mts which is about 1,000 Tractors @ 2.50 Cu. Mts per Tractor, whereas the quantity of work as per the check measurement is 6276.19 Cu. Mts which is about 3000 Tractors of silt @ 2.5 Cu. Mts per tractor.

The Vigilance Team has inspected the tank on 11.08.06. Some more pits were dressed and kept ready for the visit of Vigilance team of DWMA and the total measurements of the pits are 3289.77 Cu.Mts which is about 1316 Tractors of silt @ 2.50 Cu.Mts per Tractor. The measurements recorded and check measured by the Mandal Technical Assistant and super checked by the Delinquent Officer are totally found to be false.

The Vigilance officials have also opined that all the pits are scrapped and no Thandus are present to assess the depths and it clearly shows that they are old pits. It was also reported that there are no traces of Tractors movements in the tank bed and no earth is conveyed outside the tank bed.

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The Vigilance Team of DWMA have also observed that all the pits in the tank said to be executed under EGS is not true because the value of work done i.e. quantity recorded is 6,276.19 Cu. Mts and it works out to nearly 2,510 Tractors of silt @ 2.50 Cu. Mts per tractor. But as per the factual condition of the adjoining fields, there is no possibility of applying silt to these fields.

As per the super check measurement made by the Mandal Engineering Officer, the quantity of silt transported from the tank is 6276.19 Cu.Mts. But the actual quantity of silt is 3289 Cu. Mts.

Thus the Delinquent Officer is responsible for the above irregularities and misappropriation of Government money to a tune of Rs.2,74,867/-

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE-II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI D. PITCHI REDDY, MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, K.V.B. PURAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

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1. Inspection Report dated 14.08.06 of Administrative Officer, Vigilance Cell, D.W.M.A., Chittoor.
2. Roc.No. H/1461/06, Dt.: 19.10.06 of District Collector/DPC, Chittoor.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI D. PITCHI REDDY, MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, K.V.B. PURAM MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT

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- NIL -

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